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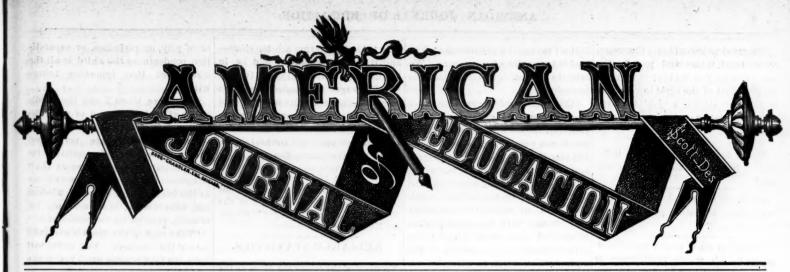
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THE National Council of Education, adopted a resolution recommending that the legal school age be from four to twenty-one years, and the obligatory school age from six to fourteen. The Council then listened to a report from the Standing Committee, on "Methods of Pedagogical Inquiry," which was prepared and read by W. T. Harris, LL.D., of the Concord School of Philosophy.

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If any one doubts the necessity or propriety or constitutionality of this measure, we shall be glad to send them the documents to enlighten and convince them, and their friends lessly and impartially. He should be

WE are not educating people above their "sphere."

country is as wide as the continent. peachable in character, and a man The influence of his vote for good or who doesn't need to have a new idea evil reaches thus far. He should be driven into him with a double barreleducated so he can vote intelligently, because.

"Civil dissension is a viperous worm That gnaws the bowels of the commonwealth."

ITS FUNCTION.

SENATOR PATTERSON said, at Newport:

"The function of the school is to lift the standard of national taste. and to beget in the people the power to discern between the true and the false, and to enjoy what is highest, truest and best. An unschooled people in a republic will be debased and groveling. Flattered and plundered by turns, they will become the helpless but savage tools of demagogues, and will at length unbar the bloody gates of civil discord, to be rescued only by the iron hand of a military despot.

"Our century of glorious history is and moral schooling of the children Miss Cleveland.

WE must either educate the voter, in their successive generations. The

"Civilization advances and takes on new forms at each stage of its progress. There will be new developments and new applications of force. Popular theories will be abandoned. and old truths formulated anew.

"The economies of government and HAVE we not heard enough of this business will be molded by expericant, about educating people "above ence, and our curriculums of study will change with the developments of natural and social science; but principles and the necessities of discipline will not change with the evolutions of history. Our educational method must improve."

WORK FOR THE PRESS.

APT. J. H. TURNER, editor of The Carroll Record, in his address before the Press Association of Missouri, on "The Duty of the Press Towards the Public School," said:

"It is time that the newspapers set themselves to work honestly and fearlessly to make it better and better. until it shall be fitted to accomplish the grand work for which it was inaugurated, 'free and universal edueation.' In this work you are more interested than any other class of men in the world, and to you the state looks for such suggestions as will make the system what it should be."

"In the first place, every county in the state ought to have a good county school superintendent with a salary sufficient to enable him to fulfill the duties of his position faithfully, fearthe best educated man in the county and one who hasn't had all the common sense educated out of him; ener-The "sphere" of a voter in this getic, reliable, firm as a rock, unimled shot-gun before he 'catches on.' There are such men in every county in the state, and we need their services. It is money in our pockets to pay for them."

All right. Now let us secure such men-for we can find them "in every county of the State !"

THERE is but the one wise altertive left us, and that is, to properly educate the voter. To do this, we need better teachers for the country schools. We need longer school terms. In these improvements there is safety; in their neglect, there is danger.

"Treason is not inherited."

THE ladies of the White House now living are: Mrs. James K. Polk, of Nashville; Mrs. Phillips, formerly Mrs. Betty Taylor Bliss, of Dandridge, Va.; Mrs. John Tyler, of Virginia; Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, of Baltimere; Mrs. Martha Johnson Patterson, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hayes, due, under God, to the intellectual Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. McElroy, and

IF the school terms are too shortand they are-schools should be in session nine months out of the twelve. If the wages are inadequate - and they are—the minimum salary should be fifty dollars per month, to insure competent teachers. Let us remember and act upon the counsel given by Bill Shakespeare, Esq.,

Wise men ne'er sit and wail their loss: But cheerly seek kow to redress their harms."

Let every teacher send in petitions to Congress for the passage of the Blair Bill, appropriating \$77,000,000 for Educational purposes.

RELIABLE STATISTICS.

In view of the following facts, is the work of the temperance organiztion likely to be overdrawn?

"A glass of beer costs the consumer 5 cents, and there are at least twenty in the gallon, and 640 in the barrel, so that beer retails at about \$32 a barrel. while ale costs still more. The consumption of beer and ale last year was about 15,000,000 barrels; cost to consumers about \$480,000,000. The cheapest kind of liquor used, ordinary whisky, is rarely sold at 5 cents, and averages at least 7 cents a drink; at half a gill to the "horn," this makes \$4.48 per gallon. The consumption last year was 70,000,000 gallons, cost to consumers about \$313,000,000. Adding wines, there is certainly spent for drink more than \$800,000,000, and the entire sum raised by taxes of all kinds, national, state, county, city, town and school district, is stated on authority of the Census Bureau to be not more than about \$700,000,000,"

COMMON SENSE.

THE great Peter Cooper is credited with the following rare bit of common sense: "In all towns where a newspaper is published, every man should advertise, even if nothing more than a card telling his name and the business in which he is engaged. It not only pays the advertiser, but lets people at a distance know that the town you reside in has a prosperous class of business men. As the seed is sown so it recompenses. Never pull down the sign while you intend to do business, for it often indicates that your grip, commercial, is broken. The judicious advertiser will receive in return ten dollars for every one invested in the columns of a local paper."

GOOD ADVICE.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, in a late address, protests against any reduction in the salaries of our teachers. He savs:

"Since the cradle is the very root of human society, it is a wise remedy that all the children be educated; that the means of education be made ample and convenient. I also hold that no parent has any such right to his child as that he shall withhold

er of pity, or prejudice, or superstition, condemning the child to all the disabilities that ignorance brings with It.

"Therefore, when I see the prodigality of legislative and of administrative bodies for material thingsfor sewers, which are very good things indeed, and for political instrumentalities - I wonder at their stinginess for that which comes home to the instinct and heart of wisdom and benevolence, their economy for schools, prodigality for politicians.

"Take care of the schools and take care of the teachers. You never will have the best schools until you make it the interest of men and women to devote their lives to that business, just as professional men devote their lives to their occupations. Give the mayor less, give the aldermen less, if they have anything, if they have not, they will get it. Reduce salaries everywhere, but increase them in the schools.

BETTER WAGES.

N his address before the Press Association, Capt. Jo Turner says, that the teachers of the country "should be paid better wages than now. Their wages should be increased after continued service, and when too old to teach they should be retired on half-pay, as we retire old sol-

It is of more importance that your children get a good education, than that they know how to fight. Then why not give education at least as good chance in the government as you do war ?

The fact is, we want more sense and less nonsense taught in the public schools-more A. B. C. and less ex plus minus, for young pupils-more hard facts and less buncombe for older ones-and a good, plain practical common sense-school education first, and then the classics, and the 'ologies.'

We don't want the course of study curtailed in any manner. Teach everything in the public school that a mortal needs to know, but lay the foundations broad and deep in the primer.

Give us first principles-first, and build the superstructure of a finished education on foundations that will last forever."

IS IT BEST?

In his address before the Press Association, Capt. Turner says we must pay our school directors.

He says: "We should have for school directors the best, most progressive, and live men in each district, and they should be paid a reasonable compensation for their services. In this age of the world you cannot expect men of a bility-business men - to do much work for nothing, unless, like editors, they are compelfrom him knowledge for the sake eith- led to. Now-a-days, the question is not

who will make the best school director?' but, 'who can we get to serve for nothing?' You cannot expect to get the best under those circumstances. 'The laborer is worthy of his hire,' and in the matter of the education of our children, we cannot afford to make mistakes."

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WHAT HE SAW.

APT. JO TURNER evidently looked about Columbia a little before he delivered his address to the Press Association. He saw a sign! Hesavs:

"Why even here in this town, the centre of civilization, this 'Columbia' of Missouri, I saw a sign on Main street to-day which read 'neadles.' What do you think of that for the afternoon of the nineteenth century?

In the seventh place it is the primary intention and object of the public school system to give every child in the state a good common school education.

To do this effectually, you must have compulsory education, and you must furnish suitable books to those whose parents are too poor to pay for them. During the years that I was sending children to school, my school book tax was always nearly equal to my school tax. Fortunately, I was an editor, and always able to buy

Had I been only a banker or plumbber it might have been different.

When the state furnishes books to those unable to pay for them, the books for the whole state can be furnished at the same rate, and the vexed school book question will be set-

LET us each do our most and our best this session, in the school-room, and show Senator Beck and the other "old Bourbons," who oppose the Blair Bill.

"How poor an instrument May do a noble deed."

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borrow one for the occasion from the let others criticise, correct or confirm misconstrued. the reader's pronunciation.

There are 225 words here, which are frequently mispelled and mis- ed the car and took seats in front of pronounced.

in the depot at Chicago waiting for his train and reading the Tribune, when a squadron of squalid street Arabs (incomparable for squalor) thronged from a neighboring alley, uttering hideous cries, accompanied by inimicable gestures of heinous exultation, as they tortured a humble black-and-tan dog.

"You little blackguards!" cried Winthrop, stepping outside and confronting them; adding the enquiry:

"Whose dog is that?"

"That audacious Caucasian has the bravado to interfere with our clique," tauntingly shricked one indisputable little rufflan, exhibiting combative-

"What will you take for him?" asked the lenient Geoffrey, ignoring the veniaitirade.

"Twenty-seven cents," piquantly answered the ribald urchin, grabbing the crouching dog by the nape.

"You can buy licorice and share with the indecorous coadjutors of your condemnable cruelty," said Winthrop, paying the price and taking the dog from the child. Then catching up his valise and umbrella he hastened to his train. Winthrop satisfied himself that his sleek protege was not wounded, and then cleaned the cement from the pretty collar, and read these words:

"Leicester. Licensed, No. 11, 1880." Hearing the pronunciation of his name, the docile canine expressed gratitude and pleasure, and then sank exhausted at his new patron's feet and slept.

Among the other passengers was a magazine contributor writing vagaries of Indian Literature; also two physicians-a sober, irrevocably, irrefragable, allopathist and a genial homeopathist, who made a specialty of bronchitis. Two peremptory attorneys from the legislature of Iowa were discussing the politics of the epoch and the details of national finance, while a wan, dolorous person wearing concave glasses, alternately ate troches and almonds for a sedative, and sought condolence, in a high lamentable treble, from a lethargic and somewhat deaf and enervate comrade not yet acclimated. Near three exemplary brethren (probably sinecurists) sat a group of humorous youths, and a jocosesailor (lately from Asia) in a blouse waist and tarpaulin hat was amusing his patriotic juvenile listeners by relating a series of the most extraordinary legends extant, suggested by entertainment to read the article the contents of his knapsack, which he was calmly and leisurely arrang-Get the latest edition of "Webster's ing in a pyramidal form on a three-Unabridged Dictionary" (you can legged stool. Above swung figured placards with musuem and lyceum school, if you do not own one), and advertisements too verbose to be

A mature matron of medium height and her comely daughter soon enter-Winthrop (who recalled having seen "Geoffrey, surnamed Winthrop, sat | them one Tuesday in February in the | pendent words of his own.

parquet of a theater). The young lady had recently made her debut into society at a musical soiree at her aunt's. She held an exquisite bouquet of flowers that exhaled sweet perfume. She said to her parent, "Mamma, shall we ever find my lost Leicester?"

Geoffrey immediately addressed her, saying, as he presented his card:

"Pardon my apparent intrusiveness; but prithee, have you lost a pet

The explanation that he had been stolen was scarcely necessary; for, Leicester just awaking, vehemently expressed his inexplicable joy by buoyantly vibrating between the two like the sounding lever used in telegraphy (for to neither of them would he show partiality), till succumbing to ennui, he purported to take a recess, and sat on his haunches, complaisantly contemplating his friends. It was truly an interesting picture.

They reached their destination ere the sun was beneath the horizon. Often during the summer Winthrop gallantly rowed from the quay with the native and blithe Beatrice in her jaunty yachting suit; but no coquetry shone from the depths of her azure eyes. Little Less, their jocund confidant and courier (and who was as sagacious as a spaniel), always attended them on these excursions, and whene'er they rambled through the woodland paths, while the band played strains from Beethoven, Mendelsohn, Bach and others, they promenaded the long corridors of the hotel. And one evening, as Beatrice lighted the gas by the etagere in her charming boudoir in their suit of rooms, there glistened brilliantly a valuable solitaire diamond on her finger.

Let us look into the future for the sequel to perfect this romance, and round a cheerful hearth we see again Geoffrey and Beatrice, who are paying due homage to their tiny friend Leicester.

IGNORANCE costs; intelligence pays or, as Shakespeare puts it,

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

You see this is a good home paper, as well as a Journal of Education. If our teachers, with the Premium Cyclopedia-both sent postpaid to all who ask, for \$1.00 per year-if our teachers put this paper into the homes, how much it would help them by showing the value of their work-the best work for the children, the home, the State and the nation, which is being done on this continent.

How strange it is, and yet how true, as Shakespeare says, that "Wisdom and goodness, to the vile, seem vile."

Nobody can be sure that he has got ideas on a subject unless he has tried to put them down on paper in inde-

SENTENCES FOR CORREC-TION.

ET your scholars practice on the following examples:

- 1. Frank and me were late.
- 2. Him and I were in time.
- 3. You and Mary was late.
- 4. Her and me went home,
- 5. The birds is building their nests.
- 6. John has broke his slate.
- 7. Them oranges was ripe.
- 8. Them children will be sick.
- 9. Those kind of boxes are heavy.
- 10. This here pen is yours.
- 11. Bring me that there book.
- 12. I like those sort of pencils.
- 13. Did he go to Toronto?
- 14. Have you wrote to your brother?
- 15. The citys was thronged with people.
- 16. He said that i must go.
- 17. Did you make the boys' shoe's?
- 18. The mans' horses ran away.
- 19. Has the bakers' daughter return-
- 20, Hay for sail hear.
- 21. Was the gait shut?
- 22. Has John and Carrie gone?
- 23. He don't like them kind.
- 24. Henry and Amy goes to school.
- 25. The children studies diligently.

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IT is reported that the average wages of a school teacher is Kentucky for a year, would not keep Senator Beck supplied with "old Bourbon" for thirty days, and that he opposes the Blair Bill because the school teachers show that alcohol is a poison.

Senator Beck should remember the truth of Shakespeare's statement,

that
"Boundless intemperance
In nature is a tyranny, it hath been
The untimely emptying of the happy throne
And fall of many kings."

THERE is but one education, and that is moral. There is no such thing as education, without moral education. The designs of God are in our hands to work out the hidden methods of development. The motive is the highest of those for humanity .-[Col. F. W. Parker, in a lecture on "What is Education, delivered at Chickering Hall, N. Y.] - New York School Journal.

ALL competent authorities agree in the opinion that a course of special training in the theory and practice of teaching should be insisted upon as a prerequisite to the occupation of teacher. In no department of school economy is there a greater waste of the public money than in the employment of untrained teachers .-Hon. John D. Philbrick, in "City Schools in the United States."

VIRGINIA.

HIS State is coming up to a good standard. No school that has a session of less than five months (it should be nine months) can receive any public money, and superintendents who allow this law to be violated, lay themselves liable to prosecution.

State Superintendent Farr says:

In arranging for the schools for the present year, it will be well for all school officers to see that no more schools are opened than can be runwith the funds which ought to be received-for at least five months.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF ROANOKE COLLEGE opened on the 16th instant, with a considerable increase over the attendance last year. The Faculty and friends of the College have every reason to be encouraged at the steady gain for six years. There are students from fourteen States, Indian Territory, and Mexico. There are four students from Mexico and five from the Indian Territory. Of the latter three are real Choctaws, two having come from Mt. Hermon Institute, D. L. Moody's School at Northfield, Massachusetts.

We learn that the faculty are pleased with the quality of the new students and that many of these are entering the regular courses. The young men have been very cordially welcomed to the College and Salem; they have begun the regular work of the session; and everything is promising for a successful year at Roanoke.

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Fhom digging with a spade—to voting-to law-making-to the execution of the laws-to the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States-intelligence is better than ignorance. The influence of every voter ranges up and down this scale.

THE centre of population in the United States is steadily moving westward. The Esterbrook Steel Pens are moving steadily in every direction.

Is human testimony valuable? If it has been commended in use, for 40 years among the people; if its 40 years among the people; claims have been repeatedly thoroughly tested, and vindicated by the medical profession; if this statement is corroborated by thousands of ment is corroborated by thousands of written certificates from all parts of the world, from all classes of society, from the armies and navies of the Uni-ted States, Great Britain and other countries, from the Judicial Bench, and finally from all ranks and conditions of men; if any value attaches to human testimony, then these testimonials must be regarded as unimpeachable and overwhelming, that Pond's Extract is the best family medicine in use for all kinds of inflamma tion and Hemorrhages.

THE method of conducting lessons and recitations should be varied. Let the teacher draw the entire exercise on the blackboard, explaining each step as she proceeds, and then allow the class to make a copy of the exercise without any further explanations; then let the class make the explantions, each pupil adding to others anything which may occur as important.

THE TWO SIDES.

ANNA C. BRACKETT.

VERY question has more than E two sides, - but the Atlantic ocean has only two; and, that I mean to give an educational fact from both sides of the Atlantic, will justify the use of the definite article above.

I want to speak first of some very significant points in an address, delivered two years ago before a College of Preceptors somewhere in England, and whose author is "Late Lecturer on the History of Education in the University of Cambridge and at the College of Preceptors."

That the author has filled these positions, would seem to indicate that he understands the subjects of which he is treating, and presumably that he is well acquainted with the general tone of schools in England. If we add to this supposition a positive knowledge that he is a man of broad culture, a clergyman, and one who has been for years a teacher, we shall be prepared to accept his statements and suggestions as coming with authority and applicable to the schools of England.

The mentioned lecture having been delivered to a group of persons who themselves were to become teachers, the lecturer gives them, from his long experience and observation, many most valuable suggestions how to overcome certain practical difficulties which they will be sure to meet in their every-day work. He points out most admirably the difference between class teaching and individual teaching, and after saying that the most effectual means of controlling a class is the eye of the teacher. and that his eye ought to be so trained that it will instantly and always see every pupil in the class and will make every pupil conscious of it, he goes on to say :

"If I had not put these remarks together as I said, without order or method, I should have pointed out earlier the importance of arranging properly the place where the master is to sit, or (which is far better) stand. The master must be so placed that he can take in the whole class at a glance, and that they can see his eye and feel it. He must be so thoroughly at home in the lesson, that even when the boys have to look on their books, as in construing, he can look at them and do without his book altogether

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or, at all events, with an occasional glance at it. A difficulty often arises in the side of the blackboard. The master has to turn his back on the class, and the connection between him and them is lost in an instant. I have often been puzzled by this difficulty. Perhaps it might be met by attaching a looking-glass to the board, so that boys and master might see each other's faces even when the masters's back was turned."

I have nowhere met with so astonishing a suggestion as this, with a view to governing a class of children. I have seen such glasses attached to the platforms of those horse-cars whose unfortunate drivers have to be conductor and driver at the same time, and whose passengers are supposed to be intent on cheating the company out of its fare. I have also heard that a ferocious wild beast may be controlled by the human eye, and that this control is lost the moment the man in danger withdraws his glance. But are the boys in the English schools to be ranked with wild beasts that they can be held in decent order only by such external means. Do English schools not develop sufficient power of control and sense of propriety and honor to keep their pupils in order, even while the master is actually before them?

I have a little simple story to tell of a Primary School on this side of the Atlantic, however, which will fur_ nish sufficient commentary on the seriously-made above suggestion. It is absolutely true.

At the Normal School in Framingham, Mass., there is a model school in which the Normal pupils may have practice in teaching. It embraces two divisions-one of primary and the other of grammar grade. The Primary School has from thirty to forty pupils-boys and girls, of course -whose ages range from four to nine years. It so happened that the principal of this Primary School was delayed one morning, and did not reach the building till about twenty minutes after nine. She expected to find the children playing about as usual on the grass, but, to her surprise, not a child was to be seen. She went into the entry and listened at the schoolroom door: not a sound! She opened the door, and there sat her children. each in his or her own seat, busily at work. On the platform stood one little boy and one little girl, who evidently felt the responsibility of the

asked Miss Brown (the principal of the Grammar School) if we might ring the bell, and when we were all in our seats we sang twice, and then we said the Lord's prayer, and then we went to work."

There was no comment made to the children. But I challenge any thoughtful man or woman to read the simple account without being touch-

And, perhaps, too, another scene may come vividly up to the imagination-the dingy cabin of the Mayflower-the exiles gathered round the table, framing and binding themselves solemnly to observe the laws which they themselves had made.

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UR friend, A. Snodgrass, Esq., editor of The Herald, at Scottsboro, Ala., whom we have learned to greatly respect and admire, from reading his paper, says, in a recent issue:

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The friends of education of the children of the masses by the State, must voice one sentiment, one thought, one desire.

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"The same," I replied.

"Who'd ever a thought I, John Steel, of the Pan Handle, would ever a seed the grave o' Christopher Columbus!"

John was silent and motionless so long I inquired into the cause. He started like one suddenly aroused from slumber.

"Ed, I don't b'lieve I'm John Steel, 'cause I don't b'lieve he could 'v done all this. But I reckon I must be, too, 'cause here's where I got shot in a Injun fight," said he, pushing up his sleeve. "Hang it if I'd take fifty dollars for this. If I can just live to git back home and tell all this to the old man I'll be satisfied. Is this Columbus?" he asked, pointing to an image of the great discoverer.

I told him it was undoubtedly intended to represent the man who found America.

I walked nearer the sepulchre and left John gazing at the image. I heard a sharp click, and looked around. My companion had broken off a piece of Christopher's nose.

"Why did you do that?" I asked somewhat indignantly.

".'Cause I wanted a little piece to take back to the Pan Handle. I'll say to the old man, 'Pa, you've hearn o' Christopher Columbus?' He say, 'I think I have, son.' Then I'll show him this, and say, 'Do you see this little thing, Pa? Well, sir, this here is a piece of Christopher Columbus' nose.' I tell you, Ed, the old man 'll take a duck fit. It'll do him more good 'n a little. He'll goall over the Pan Handle a tellin' folks his son's been to see the grave of the man what diskivered Ameriky, and brung back a piece 'o his nose. Busters! if I see what a feller wants to live for if he can't travel."

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or "How One Word Led On To Another," will agree with me that he was smart. Noah never lacked for a word by which to express himself. He was a brainy man and a good speller.

It would ill become me at this late day to criticise Mr. Webster's great work-a work that now is in almost every library, school-room and counting-room in the land. It is a great book.

I only hope that had Mr. Webster lived he would have been equally fair in his criticisms of my books.

I hate to compare my own books with those of Mr. Webster, because it may seem egotistical in me to point out the good points in my literary labors: but I have often heard it said. and so do not state it solely upon my own responsibility, that Mr. Webster's books do not retain the interest of the reader all the the way through.

He has tried to introduce too many characters, and so we cannot follow them all the way through. It is a good book to pick up and while away an idle hour with perhaps; but no one would eling to it night and day until the fire went out, chained to the thrilling plot and the glowing career of its hero.

Therein consists the great difference between Mr. Webster and myself. A friend of mine at

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once wrote me that from the moment he got hold of my book he never left his room until he finished it. He seemed chained to the spot, he said-and if you can't believe a convict, who is entirely out of politics, who in the name of George Washington can you

Mr. Webster was most assuredly a brilliant writer, and I have discovered in his later editions 118,000 words, no two of which are alike. This shows great fluency and versatility, it is true, but we need something else. The reader waits in vain to be thrilled by the author's wonderful wordpainting. There is not a thrill in the whole to me. I had heard so much of Mr. Webster that when I read his book I confess I was disappointed. It is cold, methodical, and dispassionate in the extreme. As I said, however, it is a good book to pick up for the purpose of whiling away an idle moment, and no one should start out on a long journey without Mr. Webster's

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COLD, PROSY AND DULL.

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A CLOSE STUDENT.

of Mr Webster for years, I am free to say, and I do not wish to do an injustice to a great man in doing so, that his ideas of literature and my own are entirely dissimilar. Possibly his book has a larger sale than mine, but that makes no difference. When I write a book it must engage the interest of the reader and show some plot to it. It must not be jerky in its style and scattering in its statements.

I know it is

A GREAT TEMPTATION to write a book that will sell, but we

should have a higher object than that.

I de not wish to do an injustice to a man who has done so much for the world, and one who could spell the longest word without hesitation; but I speak of these things just as I would expect people to criticise my work. If we aspire to monkey with the literati of our day, we must expect to be criticised. That's the way I look at it. BILL NYE.

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It has engaged the support of some of the greatest minds in this country. and literature on the subject is not wanting, but the means of distributing the data already available is sadly lacking.

Of course the South will receive the most direct benefit if this appropriation is granted, because they have the most illiterates; but if ever our sister States needed help, it is now. The war left the South so desperately poor, that a tax equal to, and in many cases greater, than the Northern school tax, barely keeps their schools open three months in the year; and to this fund the colored man, who receives over one-half the benefit, contributes next to nothing.

It is no new idea that we owe the colored man an education. He is with us to stay, and we have made him a citizen, and as such he is entitled to an education, whether he contributes one cent to the school fund or not. The duty is a National one, but the burden now rests on the shoulders of the South; but the appropriation merely proposes to distribute the load. The essence of the measure is contained in the proposition, Shall we, as a nation, assume the burden, or shall we continue to shirk it on to the South?

A direct remedy lies in a thorough discussion of the subject by the thousands of newspapers and journals scattered throughout the land. We. at the North, are geographically too far removed to appreciate the necesity of extending this aid; but, once let it be fully understood, and the that a measure so just be speedily carried into effect.

But the benefits conferred will not be on the colored man alone. The framers of the Blair Bill anticipated the objections of the selfish few, who for the sake of a few pence would let ignorance inhabit and till the fairest fields of the country. The appropriation will be impartial to each State in proportion to the illiteracy within of September in each year. her limits, without regard to race.

Major R. Bingham, in his masterly.

paper, entitled "The New South," (published by the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., in the Proceedings of the meeting in February, 1884, of the Superintendent's Department National Education Asssociation, which met in Madison, Wisconsin, in July, 1884,) has set forth the needs of our sister States, far more forcibly and appropriately than I canfor he speaks whereof he knows.

Wide-spread circulation of the sentiments contained in his paper, coming as they do from a prominent Southern Educator, would do much: and, as the day draws near when this cause shall live or die, I hope to see the press of our land, mustered under the banner of Justice, prepare our people to give the Blair Bill, or some similar measure, when passed by our next Congress, a cordial reception.

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The Educational Weekly says truly that "good teachers cannot be secured for short terms. In addition to this, the grading of district schools is rendered practically impossible without a continuous term under the guidance of one teacher all the year.

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- 1. Are all our wanderings o'er?
- 2. The King of Egypt followed the children of Israel to destroy them.
- 3. Warm flannels were applied to her body.
- 4. "Merry Christmas, Mary," said Edith.
- 5. John had no means of descend-
- ing. 6. The boys separated to go on their
- 7. God caused the waters of the sea to divide.
- 8. Everybody who knew him, believed him.
- 9. The hare can easily run in a few minutes a distance his friend will require hours to crawl over.
- 10. She had no right to write in her brother's book.
- 11. They were taught the value of perseverance.
- 12. The bear crouched down in terror.
- 13. Two of my cousins live too far away for me to visit them often.
- 14. The poor widow was pleasantly surprised.
- 15. I am sure that we there should have nothing to fear.
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THE State Grange of Kentucky sent a delegate to the State Teachers' Association asking for action to make the school terms longer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.

SUPT. FRANCIS MILLAID offers these practical suggestions to teachers in the Western School Jour-

- 1. Have a map or chart exercise.
- 2. Read a short sketch or story, and have the pupils discuss it afterward, taking care to allow only one to talk at a time.
- 3. Tell the school something you have read-a description of some celebrated place, perhaps, and invite questions on the subject. On the succeeding Friday let the children compare notes on what they have learned about it during the week.
- 4. Let each pupil give a sentiment from some standard author. Or let them give quotations, and then require the sentiment expressed in the pupil's own language. This they will soon take pleasure in doing.
- 5. Devote fifteen minutes to spelling down, using words commonly mis-
- 6. Require a letter written, folded. enclosed and addressed, observing proper rules in all.
- 7. Give examples in false syntax for correction.
- 8. Have singing-good live songs, such as stir the hearts and develop the voices of children, and do not let them drag. Lead the songs, if you can sing. If you cannot, appoint a leader in the school, taking pains to change leaders often.

These are some of the many things you can do. Of course not all at once; it will take care and practice to bring about success. You need not expect the co-operation of all your pupils at first, or in fact ever. You will find, too, that you must do some extra work-but no teacher ever succeeds who is not willing to do much work outside of school hours.

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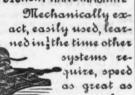


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